145. Disabilities of Roman Catholic Christians in the matter of securing appointments in the Government service.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Nominated) submitted that, out of nearly 8 lakhs of Christians in the State, about 6 lakhs were Roman Catholics and that, though in point of wealth and loyalty, they yielded to none of the other Christian communities, they were but meagrely represented in the public service. He, therefore, requested.—

(1) That a Syrian Catholic be nominated as a non-official member of the Legislative Council and

(2) That better encouragement be shown to Catholics in the matter of Government appointments.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

146. Some needs of the Sackaravar community in South Travancore.

Mr. N. Kumaran (Member, Nominated) submitted the following prayers. —

(1) The nomination, by Government to the Assembly every year, of the General Secretary of the South Travancore Sackaravar Sangham, as a Member to represent the community.

(2) The extension of the half-fee concession granted by Government to certain communities backward in education, to the pupils of the Sackaravar community also, irrespective of their religion.

(3) Employment of the educationally qualified members of the community in the different departments of Government.

(4) The award of grants to the most successful *Vydians* in the community

(5) The opening of a Medical School in South Travancore to teach the Dravidian (Agastiar or Chintamoni) system of medicine, and the conduct of an enquiry into the success of the medical treatment given by the *Vydians* who followed that system

(6) The establishment of a Weaving and Dyeing institute at Palliyadi, the central locality of the Sackaravar community, and placing their weaving industry, which had already about 2,500 looms, on a permanent and efficient basis.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

147. Need for the encouragement of Parayas.

Mr. Raman Chennan (Member, Nominated) thanked the Government for the encouragement extended to the Paraya community in recent years and made the following requests:—

(1) Paraya boys attending schools should be given pecuniary help for buying books besides full remission of fees. One or two Paraya boys in each taluk should also be helped with scholarships. One P. K.Raman who was reading in the fifth class in the Tiruvalla Higher Grade Vernacular school could not continue his studies on account of his inability to pay fees. He should be given a scholarship to enable him to study English.

(2) Grants should be allowed to schools under the management of Parayas.

(3) Those of them who were literate should be appointed to subordinate posts in hospitals, Town Improvement Committees, etc.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. Government will be glad to grant a scholarship to the Paraya pupil mentioned by the Member.

148. Disabilities of the Araya community and the means of remedying them.

Mr. C. Raman Kunju (Member, Nominated) suggested the following measures for ameliorating the condition of the Araya community.—

1. Though primary education was free, the mass of the Araya population did not take advantage of it, but remained illiterate owing to a variety of causes. To remedy

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